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Grade: 6 Reading

Theme Two Selection: 3

"Dinosaur Ghosts"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. Where is the setting for the story?

- a) New York City, New York
- b) North of Albuquerque, New Mexico
- c) San Francisco, California
- d) Arizona

2. Ned Colbert is a

- a) paleontologist
- b) fossil
- c) geologist
- d) specimen

3. Why was Colbert's find so much more publicized than Cope's earlier discovery of the Coelophysis bones?

- a) The media liked Colbert more than Cope.
- b) Both finds were equally publicized.
- c) Colbert lived in the area.
- d) Colbert found a large number of fossils.

4. Read this sentence from the selection.

"There were so many skeletons that Colbert had to send a telegram back to the American Museum to ask for more help with the excavation."

What does excavation mean in this sentence?

- a) Samples taken for scientific study.
- b) Belonging to the time before history was recorded in writing.
- c) The process of finding something by digging for it.
- d) The data used to draw a conclusion.

5. What do you think the headings mean for the story?

- a) To ask a question to the reader.
- b) To give the reader a description of a possible scenario.
- c) To prove how the dinosaurs died.
- d) To explain the different habitats of dinosaurs.

6. The genre of this selection is

- a) nonfiction
- b) poem
- c) autobiography
- d) realistic fiction

7. Which word is an antonym for treacherous?

- a) dangerous
- b) scary
- c) high
- d) safe

8. The author makes several generalizations in this story. What is a generalization?

- a) When something is not directly stated in a text.
- b) A statement that can be proven true or false.
- c) A broad statement that is true about most of the items or people in a given category.
- d) A statement that tells what someone thinks or how someone feels.

9. What is the main idea of the story "Dinosaur Ghosts?"

- a) Hundreds of dinosaurs died in New Mexico and people are learning about the fossils on the Ghost Ranch.
- b) People study fossils in the United States.
- c) Scientists make discoveries every year.
- d) Dinosaurs lived long ago.

Open-ended Response

Summarize the story "Dinosaur Ghosts." Make sure your summary has a beginning, middle, and end.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	b	Setting	R6.B.1.1
2	a	Vocabulary	R6.1.2.1
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6	a	Genre	R6.A.1.6
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8	c	Making Generalizations	R6.A.2.3
9	a	Main Idea/Details	R6.A.2.4

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Paragraph provides a complete summary of the story, describing the beginning, middle, and end.

2 Points

Paragraph provides a summary of the story, but lacks a section (beginning, middle, or end) and/or details.

1 Point

Paragraph provides a short summary, but lacks in completeness.

0 Points

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete